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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application.

Claims 11-29 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-10 are rejected.

Restriction was previously required between claims 1-10 and claims 11-29, and a provisional election of claims 1-10 was made. This election is affirmed.

The office action dated May 20, 2005 indicates that claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being unpatentable over Egidio U.S. Publication No. 2003/0219062. This rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment above to claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 4-7 and 9-10. Egidio doesn't teach or suggest coupling a plurality of sensors to a plurality of computer systems at locations that allow cooling requirements of a computer facility to be determined. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 3 and 8 should be allowed over Egidio.

Claims 30-35 have been added to the application. Claims 30-34 depend from claim 1, and should be allowable over Egidio.

Claim 35 should be allowable over Egidio because Egidio doesn't teach or suggest connecting a plurality of sensors to a central processing system via a plurality of temperature collection modules and one-wire buses.

An added claims fee has not been incurred by the addition of claims 30-35. Although six claims are new, ten claims (claims 2, 4-7, 9-10 and 24-26) have been cancelled. Although one independent claim was added (claim 35), one independent claim was cancelled (claim 26).

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The examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the claim rejections over Egidio. If any issues remain, the examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney Hugh Gortler.